



Jagger Winkler is the oldest six year old you will ever meet. He has stayed more nights in the hospital than his parents ever will; he has flown so often to see doctors that he is a United Premiere Executive and has had the rare experience of learning to walk twice.

Jagger is from Jackson Hole, WY and was born a healthy, vivacious, normal-hearing child. On Christmas morning 2006 at the age of 17 months, while visiting his grandparents in New York, Jagger came down with a rare form of bacterial meningitis and was in a coma for six days. After a month in the hospital, Jagger was left profoundly deaf in both ears and lost most of his gross motor skills. He underwent bilateral cochlear implantation at New York Eye and Ear to restore his hearing. Since Jagger and his family lived in Wyoming, the multitude of services and therapies necessary were not readily available and Jagger spent many of his days flying around the country to visit doctors. His days were filled with essential therapies: auditory verbal (AVT), physical (PT), occupational, (OT), oral motor (OMT), and sensory integration therapy (SIT). Each week for three years, he flew to Denver, CO for speech therapy (hence his coveted frequent flier status). After years of incredibly hard work, Jagger is in mainstream kindergarten, needs no extra help and is at the top of his class at a top school in Denver! He loves reptiles and wavers between wanting to be a doctor, a paleontologist and a herpetologist who will make movies about reptiles. His most unique achievement is his personality and zest for life. Despite having to work harder than most, he never gives up and achieves everything he puts his mind to. He is an exceptionally outgoing young man who talks to – and makes friends with – everyone he sees. Jagger's parents state the obvious, ***"His personality and charisma are sure to make you smile!"***